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Honorable William J. Casey,
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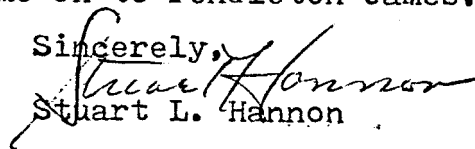
Dear Mr. Casey:

I appreciated very much your letter of 30 March regarding my expressed hope that you might be able to join our Marshall Group in one of its sessions. You stated that you were booked for travel throughout April and therefore would be unable to consider such an invitation for the time being. If you could consider the likelihood of spending an hour with us sometime in June or July we would convene as many as possible on a specific date to accommodate your presence. As I believe I had mentioned, these are off-the-record discussions attempting to probe as deeply as possible some of our more stubborn national defense and manpower problems, and of course their amelioration depends to a considerable extent on our Intelligence community and public attitudes towards any disciplined national purpose.

While all of our associates are active in other fields and our joint effort is an extra-curricular dedication seeking ways to assist the President's programs, we usually manage to round up about ten or twelve for each session. We are pretty much agreed on the multiple and complex dimensions of the challenges we face but try to avoid traditional harangues, restating what everyone knows or deplores and try to get at new angles via improbabilities, perhaps unthinkable surprises and deceptions.

The long professional experience on which you can draw is in accord with our feeling that the best tactics or strategic rationale will not come more brilliantly from newcomers to the tangles of international affairs than from those of the slightly demeaning 'old boy' connotation. It would also be good to meet you once again after so long a time, and of course to thank you for sending my name on to Pendleton James.

Sincerely,


Stuart L. Hannon

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